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KEY JUDGMENTS

The Bundeswehr—the West German Federal Armed Forces—is the most effective European national contingent in NATO. Bundeswehr components are defensively oriented and conceptually a part of the NATO military command structure.

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In terms of both size and capability, the West German Army is a bulwark of NATO's defense.

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